

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<p>Serial No. 10/618,041</p> <p>Application of: Lee A. Burton Filed: July 11, 2003 Art Unit: 2182 Examiner: Sorrell, Eron J. Attorney Docket No. SRC027</p> <p>For: SWITCH/NETWORK ADAPTER PORT INCORPORATING SHARED MEMORY RESOURCES SELECTIVELY ACCESSIBLE BY A DIRECT EXECUTION LOGIC ELEMENT AND ONE OR MORE DENSE LOGIC DEVICES</p>	<p>Confirmation No.: 4115</p> <p>Customer No.: 25235</p>
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PETITION FOR SUSPENSION OF ACTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.103(a)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The Applicant respectfully requests that examination of U.S. Patent Application No.: 10/618,041 ("the '041 application") be suspended in accordance with 37 CFR §1.103(a) for a period of 6 months.

Application 10/618,041 is a continuation-in-part to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/932,330 ("the '330 application"). Both the '041 application and the '330 application were rejected as being obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,052,134 by Foster ("Foster") in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,972,457 by O'Sullivan ("O'Sullivan") under a similar analysis. While the claims of the '041 application and those of the '330 application are distinct, common ground exists in the interpretation of Foster and O'Sullivan with respect to the patentability of both applications.

Several of these issues as identified in the prosecution of the '330 application, which are equally applicable to the '041 application, are currently under appeal before

the Board of Appeals and Interferences at the USPTO. It is likely that the resolution of the issues before the Board of Appeals with respect to the '330 application will have a direct bearing on the future prosecution of the '041 application. The Applicant submits that the efficient and accurate determination of the patentability of the '041 application would be aided by suspending prosecution at least six months in hope that a decision with respect to the appeal of the '330 application will be forthcoming.

There are currently no outstanding office actions for the '041 application and it is thus eligible for such a suspension under 37 CFR §1.103(a) and in accordance with section 709 of the MPEP.

The \$200.00 fee as set forth in 1.17(g) should be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1123. No further fee is believed to be required by this Petition. However, should any further fee be required, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-1123.

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